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*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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Title: SIMILAR PATTERN SEARCHING APPARATUS, METHOD OF SIMILAR PATTERN SEARCHING, PROGRAM FOR SIMILAR PATTERN SEARCHING, AND FRACTIONATION APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 13 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: